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ARTICLE 22

RESOLUTION/HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

VOTED:

(QUORUM PRESENT)

That the Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of the following resolution:

HOUSING POLICY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Town of Arlington is a densely developed, inner suburb of Boston, with little vacant land available for development; and

WHEREAS: The vacancy rate in Arlington is less than 1%; and

WHEREAS: Market pressures have increased the median price of a single family home beyond the reach of 75% of existing residents if they were buying for the first time; and

WHEREAS: The state has set a goal that 10% of the units in every city and town should be affordable; and

WHEREAS: Arlington has less than 5% of its units affordable according to the state's housing criteria.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That it is the official policy of the Town of Arlington to support aggressive efforts to increase the number of affordable housing units, consistent with the Town's Zoning Bylaws, the Town's Open Space Plan and good planning practices;

That the Town shall make affordable housing a high priority in allocation of its federal CDBG dollars;

That the town shall devise means to encourage retention of affordability in existing housing, including but not limited to rental units in two family houses, existing apartment buildings and condominiums, and HUD project based section 8 rental units;

That the Town shall encourage wherever possible the redevelopment of existing, already developed sites for affordable housing;

That the Town shall encourage the provision of housing for households of all incomes, ages and sizes, consistent with fair housing laws and guidelines.

**A true copy of the vote under
Article 22 of the Warrant for
the Annual Town Meeting of the
Town of Arlington at the session
held May 7, 2001.**

ATTEST:



Town Clerk